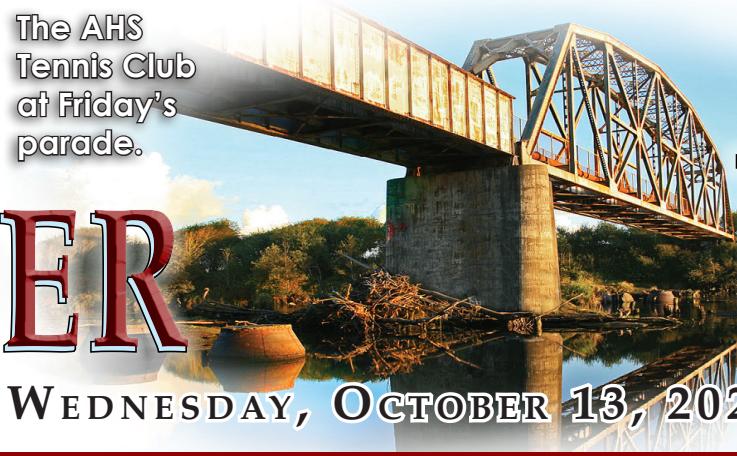




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HUMCO COVID COUNT TESTS Monday, Oct. 11 127,822

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Arcata Council OKs tangerine trees and marmalade skies

Entheogens allowed for adults

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – The Arcata City Council last week decriminalized personal use, possession and cultivation of entheogenic, or psychedelic substances. Resolution No. 212-17 recognizes the therapeutic value of mind-altering chemicals as well as their potential for spiritual expansion by adult users 21 and older.

The resolution states that entheogenic plants and fungi or plant compounds on the federal Schedule 1 list of banned drugs "shall not be a public safety priority for the City of Arcata," unless their use is involved with public disturbance, driving while tripping, taking place in the presence of minors or otherwise jeopardizing public safety.

The action was taken following public outreach and lobbying by a group called Decriminalize Nature Humboldt (DNH), which has been holding public events and tabling at the Farmers' Market in favor of the reforms.

The resolution doesn't reverse federal or state bans on psychedelics, nor does it extend to state-owned Humboldt State University properties in Arcata. A state bill decriminalizing the drugs stalled this year, but is expected to return in a coming legislative session.

It was shaped in consultation with the District Attorney's Office, City of Arcata, including Arcata Police, and approved by Arcata's Public Safety Committee, which specified adult use only, with a public education component. All of the councilmembers said that they were comfortable with the decriminalization, with stipulations. Mayor Brett Watson wanted more specifics about users getting scientific guidance and sticking to safe dosage.

Danielle Daniel, lead organizer for DNH and a member of the Humboldt Psychedelic Society, said entheogenic advocates are ready to assist with education to ensure responsible use. That, she said, will be expedited by decriminalization. "We thank you for collaborating on a resolution that everybody is happy with," she said.

Taylor Albamonti of DNH said community support was strong, reporting 330 signatures on pro-decriminalization letters of support.

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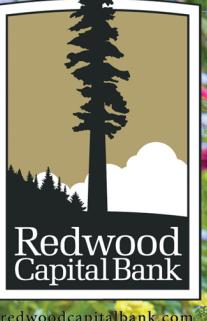


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Supervisors snub coal train

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HUMBOLDT – A Wyoming-based corporation's plan to get federal-sign off on use of a vacated rail line has provoked Humboldt County's Board of Supervisors into pursuing a local coal export ban.

At their Oct. 5 meeting, supervisors took action on heading off coal export through Humboldt County.

The unused North Coast Railroad Authority rail corridor from Humboldt Bay to the San Francisco Bay area is up for railbanking, a federal process that allows vacant rail lines to be used for other purposes.

"This horse is dead and the hole's already dug."

– Rex Bohn

But a Wyoming corporation is asking the feds to approve a proposal for reviving rail use.

According to a written county staff report, "It appears that coal interests from the Powder Basin region of Wyoming are behind this corporation" and "the proposed use is suspected to be for the transportation of coal that

is mined in the Wyoming region and bound for Asian nations."

An anti-coal resolution up for approval originally targeted export of coal via rail. Supervisor Mike Wilson, the resolution's sponsor, explained that the language was changed to more broadly ban coal-related activities.

"Export of coal can be done with a number of different technologies and I don't want to be technology-specific," he said.

The resolution affirms the county's opposition to the "negative impacts of potential coal exports through Humboldt County." ❖ PAGE 12

❖ HIGH PRICES, LIMITED SUPPLY

A look at Humboldt's housing shortage

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – A public workshop on Humboldt Bay area housing included a variety of non-profit agency representatives who said they can't secure housing for the people they're trying to help.

The dynamics and challenges of the Humboldt Bay area's housing market were explored during an Oct. 5 virtual workshop sponsored by the county.

The workshop's participants were mostly service providers or people who work in housing-related fields. They described a housing scenario that doesn't offer enough availability to the wide range of people living in the Humboldt Bay area.

Realtor Ami Wruck said there's "a consistent lack of housing for people who

have what I would call a regular income."

Older county residents who want to "downsize from being in a single family home" have limited options while young families seeking starter homes "just can't afford the housing here," she continued.

Wruck said she bought a house six years ago and "I, today, would not be able to buy the house I live in."

Jessie Miles of the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce said there's "a huge shortage of employees" in the area and "I've seen and heard that a lot of it has to do with housing."

She added, "If people can't afford homes on the wages that our local businesses and industries pay, then that's where the gap is, that's where the problem is."

Workshop participants

from agencies that help disabled people, homeless people and low income people also said there isn't enough housing opportunity.

Emily Velez of Humboldt Domestic Violence Services said people trying to escape domestic violence are among those who face daunting housing searches.

She said there's "an influx of need for housing" for many types of people, including those escaping domestic violence, that's outpacing rental availability.

Competition for rentals is high and property management agencies "aren't that accessible to folks,"

HOUSING ❖ PAGE 12

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ARCATA — With the onset of wet weather season, the Environmental Services Department reminds builders that all construction activities causing soil disturbances are required to have appropriate erosion control measures, known as Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs), in place by Friday, Oct. 15.

State regulations require that BMPs are properly installed and maintained to prevent soil and sediment from washing away from construction sites. This assures that only "rain goes down the drain."

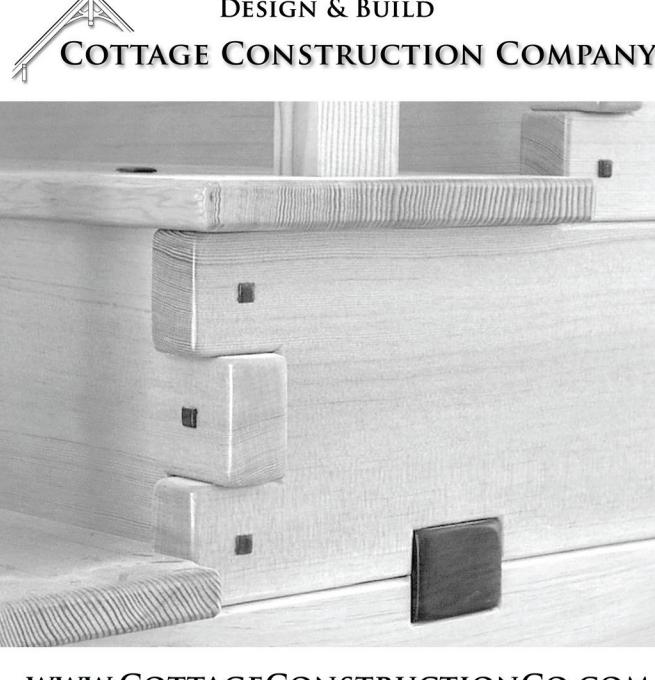
Permitted construction projects may also have other special requirements pertaining to wet weather erosion control and these measures help protect Arcata's creeks, wetlands and Humboldt Bay from stormwater pollution.

For specific BMPs that are suitable for conditions that may occur on a construction site, builders and contractors should consult the Arcata Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual, available online at the city's website.

Hard copies of the manual are also available at the Environmental Services Department office at Arcata City Hall, located at 736 F St., or at the Arcata Library, located at 500 Seventh St.

A list of guidelines for water quality protections that includes an overview of construction BMPs can also be found online here. Contractors and builders who would like to receive this information by mail are asked to contact the Environmental Services Department by phone at (707) 822-8184 or email at eservices@cityofarcata.org to make arrangements.

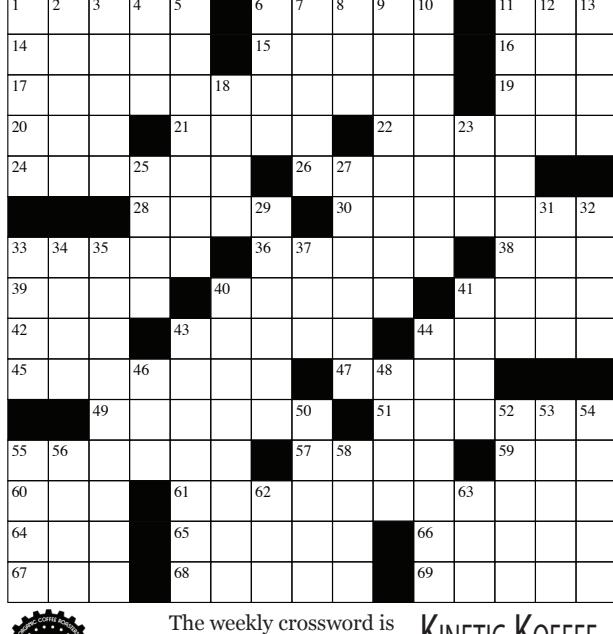
For more information on proper erosion control methods, please call (707) 822-8184, send an email to eservices@cityofarcata.org or stop by the Environmental Services Department office at City Hall. Arcata City Hall is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. When entering City Hall, community members are required to wear facial coverings regardless of vaccination status.



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44. Garden pest	37. Curry, for one
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McKMAC looks at transportation, rules & regs

Jack Durham

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MCKINLEYVILLE — Conceptual plans for improving bicycle and pedestrian travel on the south side of McKinleyville may be released by the County of Humboldt in the coming weeks.

The draft plans are part of the McKinleyville Multimodal Connections Project, which is funded by a \$196,700 grant from Caltrans. With the help of the Redwood Community Action Agency, the project has included meetings, walking tours and a survey to determine the area's transportation needs.

The project is focusing on the McKinleyville Town Center and pedestrian and bicycle connections between McKinleyville and Arcata.

At the Sept. 29 meeting of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC), Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone said that draft plans will be released soon.

"There are some really, really exciting opportunities," Madrone said.

Rules and regs

Also at the Sept. 29 meeting, the McKMAC unanimously approved a new set of rules and regulations for the committee. They were forwarded to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, which is being asked to approve the document.

The McKMAC is a county advisory committee and its rules require approval by supervisors.

The rules clear up language on the committee's mission and procedures and establishes the position of a treasurer.

The new rules were drafted by a McKMAC subcommittee made up of Bonnie Oliver, Barbara Georgiana and Twila Sanchez.

Appointments

The McKMAC terms of Oliver, Georgiana and Sanchez expire on Oct. 23. Madrone said he asked all three whether they wanted to continue to

serve. Oliver and Sanchez said yes, but Georgiana said that after eight years on the committee, she is ready to step down.

Madrone said he would appoint Oliver and Sanchez for four-year terms. Also joining the committee will be McKinleyville resident Lisa Dugan. When Dugan is appointed, the committee will consist of Dugan, Oliver, Sanchez, Kevin Dreyer, Maya Conrad, Kevin Jenkins, Greg Orsini and Patrick Kaspary.

Special meeting?

The McKMAC discussed having a special, in-person meeting to review plans for the McKinleyville Town Center.

The meeting may be held at Azalea Hall or the nearby Recreation Center at Pierson Park.

The committee has not selected a date or time for this special meeting.

The next regular meeting is set for Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

SUSPICIOUS DEATH IN BLUE LAKE On Sunday, Oct. 10 at approximately 12:51 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the area of Taylor Way near the Mad River Levee in Blue Lake for the report of a deceased male near the trail close by the levee. Upon arrival to the area, deputies located a deceased male adult. The man's cause of death is still under investigation and is

considered suspicious at this time. The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Division is investigating this case. Further information will be released when available and appropriate. Anyone with information about this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

Entheogens | Extolled as scientific and sacred

FROM PAGE 1

Other pro-entheogen speakers said the education campaign will continue. Several holistic caregivers offered anecdotal evidence that therapeutic use is beneficial in addressing a variety of physical and mental maladies.

Entheogenic substances were extolled as part of science-based therapy, but

also referred to as "sacred plants" useful in mind expansion.

Councilmember Stacy Atkins-Salazar wanted to ensure that the drugs were taken "in a therapeutic setting" with expert guidance, but the "settings" weren't strictly defined.

Entheogen advocates have said they will establish "safe spaces" for guided use.

Watson characterized the substances as "medi-

cine," said the language in the resolution was "soft" and that he didn't want to downplay the potential downside of negative effects.

"In a sense people are going to feel like this is us telling them that it's OK and it's safe," he said.

Councilmember Grace Goldstein observed that prescription drugs and alcohol are consumed in private, and that all drugs carry risk. But she was comfortable with the res-

olution's cautionary language.

Councilmember Sarah Schaefer made an argument from tradition, stating that entheogens have been part of religious rituals for "hundreds of thousands of years, and so it is an ancestral medicine," but that their uses aren't exclusively medical.

Watson again stressed that the potential for adverse reactions ought not be downplayed.

With that, the resolution unanimously passed.

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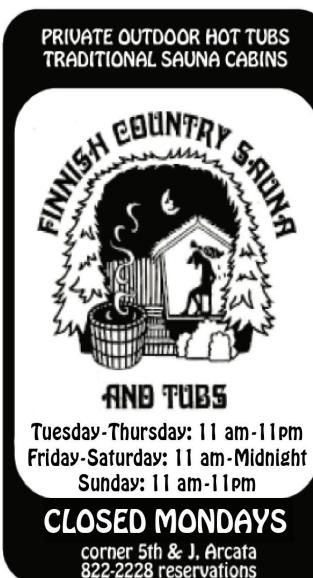
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AGENCY ON AGING ON THE MOVE Area 1 Agency on Aging is moving effective Friday, Oct. 15. The new Eureka offices will be located at 333 J St. To facilitate the move, A1AA offices will be closed today, Oct. 13 and Thursday, Oct. 14. In 2008, A1AA purchased the building as a 50 percent partner. This arrangement did not enhance the long term financial health of A1AA. United Indian Health Services has purchased the 10,000 sq foot building to expand services, which is a win-win for both A1AA and UIHS. The new J Street location will allow A1AA to reduce agency expenses and physical footprint. A1AA staff will continue to work a hybrid model with a variation of days in the office, at home or in the field. Staff will begin to see clients in the office only when vaccination rates increase and local health guidelines are updated. Providing services remotely to clients who are unable to come to our offices will be a permanent service model. A1AA's email, phone and fax numbers will not change. Telephone calls for general information and for Information and Assistance are 1 (800) 408-4636 or (707) 442-3763; HICAP at (707) 443-3000 or 1 (800) 434-0222; and the Long Term Care Ombudsman at (707) 269-1330.

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❖ HUMBOLDT STATE

New Peace Corps prep program at HSU

HUMBOLDT STATE

HSU – The Peace Corps announced the launch of Peace Corps Prep, an undergraduate certificate program, last week at Humboldt State University.

Scheduled to launch this November, the program will combine targeted coursework with hands-on experience, building the competencies needed for students to become Peace Corps volunteers or other intercultural fieldworkers. HSU is one of 11 new university partnerships.

"Today's students understand the immense challenges of our era and are energetic advocates for change," Peace Corps Acting Director Carol Spahn said. "Through the Peace Corps Prep program at Humboldt State University, students can develop the transferable skills necessary to influence change, advance global equity, and be an effective Peace Corps volunteer."

Peace Corps Prep will be structured as an interdisciplinary certificate program housed in the Department of Geography, Environment & Spatial Analysis.

"Peace Corps Prep is an opportunity for undergraduate students to develop competencies that will fortify their aspirations to serve abroad," said La'Teashia Sykes, Peace Corps director of university programs.

Congratulations to Humboldt State University on joining the Peace Corps family. We are thrilled to work together to spark students' interest in Peace Corps service."

In 2020, Humboldt State University ranked No. 16 among medium schools on the agency's list of top Peace Corps volunteer-producing colleges and universities. HSU has been a top school for over 10 years. Since the agency's founding in 1961, around 880 alumni from HSU have served abroad as Peace Corps volunteers.

"Humboldt State University is honored to have been selected as a Peace Corps Prep campus," said Matthew Derrick, professor of geography and program coordinator for HSU's Peace Corps Prep program who also served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Estonia from 1999–2001. "Our selection is a recognition of our long-standing commitment to global engagement and our commitment to the international dimensions of social and environmental justice. We look forward to building an even stronger relationship with the Peace Corps."

For additional information about the Peace Corps Prep program at Humboldt State University, contact Matthew Derrick, program leader in the Department of Geography, Environment & Spatial Analysis (GESPA), at mad632@humboldt.edu.

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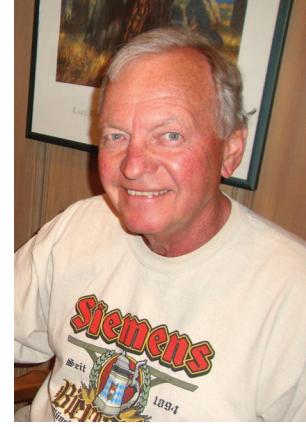
OBITUARY



Ron Siemens moved to Arcata in 1950 when he was 12 years old and attended what was then called College Elementary School.

He was the son of Cornelius and Olga Siemens, the president and first lady of Humboldt State University for 23 years. Ron always held this area close to his heart and he and his wife, Karin Dahl, who met at HSU, enjoyed visiting often.

They always appreciated their school reunions, the Redwood Coastal Music Festival and introducing their grand boys to the Kinetic Sculpture races. He kept a subscription to the *Mad River Union* and even "modeled" his eye for the Arcata Eye. We honor his wonderful life with this poem...



Ode to Ronald Cornelius Siemens 9/22/39 - 9/17/20

On September twenty-second, Nineteen thirty-nine,
A bouncing baby boy was born
On whom a lucky star would shine.

Blessed with loving parents
A professor and a singer,
He was joined by two more siblings
A brother and a sister.

Humboldt State and UCLA
Were his Alma Maters.
Ron married his beloved Karin
Then they had two daughters.

Thirty years with IBM
Ron moved his family state to state.
Settling at last in Danville
Ain't retirement GREAT!

A talented musician,
Ron played euphonium in three bands.
Piano, guitar, and ukulele
Also thrilled his hands.

Volunteer extraordinaire
Decades of Meals on Wheels he provided;
A fix-it man for ARF's thrift shop,
Students at Del Amigo he guided.

He loved chatting with his 4 "grandboyz"
On topics like the Oakland A's;
60 Minutes, the term "mooning"
And the stock exchange.

Passions included travel,
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Carol Virginia Klune, Dec. 6, 1932 - Sept. 23, 2021

Carol Virginia Klune was born in White Plains, New York on Dec. 6, 1932, the daughter of motion picture executive Raymond A. Klune and Lillian Becker Klune.

The family lived in Harrison, New York along with her beloved older brother Donald. Carol moved to the Brentwood area of Los Angeles, California when she was three and grew up in a house her father built on Tierra Linda Road.

During World War II, Carol's family raised cows and chickens and a Victory Garden. She loved her chicken named Babyface and Dottie, the family dalmatian.

Carol graduated from Westlake School in 1950 and attended the University of Arizona in Tucson. She married high school sweetheart Willard L. Cummings Jr. in 1951 and daughters Cynthia and Linda soon followed.

Bill and Carol moved to the Pacific Palisades in 1955. Carol had been interested in becoming a veterinarian and after she left the University to raise her family, animals continued to be her interest and passion.

She always maintained a menagerie of pets and frequently rescued injured animals. Carol was also athletic. She played volleyball, basket-



ball and was on the swim team in high school. She enjoyed dancing, body surfing at Santa Monica beach and skiing with friends.

An automobile accident on Pacific Coast Highway in 1966 changed her life. Orthopedic surgeons put her back together and she was in a body cast for a year. Her recovery inspired her to return to her interest in medicine and she became a Laboratory Technologist and Phlebotomist at St John's Hospital in Santa Monica.

She was the Lead Laboratory Technologist at St. John's when she retired in 1994. Carol loved to travel. She and second husband, David Cheresh enjoyed Canyonlands in Utah and she also traveled to Europe, Africa, Thailand and China. Her trip to Africa was her favorite.

After retiring from St. John's,

Carol moved to Humboldt County in Northern California near Linda and her husband Doug Mortenson, building a small house on their property in Westhaven which she shared with her dog Lily.

Carol loved her home, her dog, her garden and her family. She carefully kept the family history alive through stories often repeated to her descendants.

In 2016, as the result of her previous accident, Carol became a double amputee and had to leave her home for assisted living.

She passed away Sept. 23, 2021 in McKinleyville, California.

She is survived by her daughters Cynthia Murphy and Linda Mortenson, son-in-law Doug Mortenson, grandchildren Sean Murphy (Tiffany), Ryan Murphy (Adrien) and Alissa Mortenson Tyka (Mike) and great-grandchildren Natalie, Madelyn, Anna, Nolan and Nora Murphy; Zoe and Liam Murphy; Zephyr and Corvin Mortenson Tyka.

She was an iconic woman, truly a survivor. She was loved, admired and will be missed by all of us. A small family memorial is planned to celebrate her life. Donations to animal charities will honor her memory.

It takes a village, and some office space and grant funding

REDWOOD COAST VILLAGE

HUMBOLDT — Redwood Coast Village (RCV), the volunteer-driven membership support network for Humboldt County seniors, moved to new offices on Oct. 1.

Since its inception in 2015, Redwood Coast Village has operated out of the Area 1 Agency on Aging's building on Seventh Street in Eureka. That building has now been sold, and so relocation became necessary.

Fortunately, a small suite of offices was available in the even more centrally located Carson Block building, so Redwood Coast Village can now be contacted at Redwood Coast Village, 517 Third St., Suite 14, Eureka, CA 95501. The phone number is (707) 798-6311.

Redwood Coast Village would also like to take this opportunity to thank the organizations that have supported us over the past year and made this next stage of our journey possible:

In the summer of 2021, the Rose Perenin Foundation of Eureka gave a grant of \$10,000 to support organizational operating expenses. The foundation shares RCV's



HELPING EACH OTHER Volunteer Tony Albanese walks member Joy Clemen's dog, Tanner on a weekly basis. SUBMITTED PHOTO

mission to help Humboldt seniors stay active, socially connected, and living independently in their own homes.

At the start of this year, the McLean Foun-

dation provided a grant of \$2,500 to help RCV contend with the challenges of offering services in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In December of last

year, the Senior Citizens Foundation Fund, a fund of Humboldt Area Foundation, awarded RCV \$1,750 in support of the Trillium Scholarship program, which covers membership dues of qualified low-income members.

In November 2020, RCV was fortunate to be the beneficiary of the North Coast Co-op's Seeds for Change program, in which shoppers at both the Eureka and Arcata stores rounded up their purchases, resulting in \$5,800 for the Village's Thanksgiving basket.

Security National has also generously underwritten RCV advertising on Eureka Radio stations.

These organizations, together with the generous support of individual community donors, have helped to ensure that Redwood Coast Village has been able to continue to deliver the kind of services a friend or neighbor would provide: driving members to essential appointments, delivering groceries, helping with fix-it jobs at home, and organizing Zoom-based social activities.

Learn more about Redwood Coast Village at redwoodcoastvillage.org.

Supervisors appoint Hayes county CAO

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT — The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors has selected Elishia Hayes as county administrative officer (CAO), effective Oct. 5.

The CAO's responsibilities are laid out in County Code, and Hayes will be responsible for overseeing the county's annual \$500 million budget, carrying out policies, rules and regulations implemented by the Board of Supervisors, supervising the affairs and administration of 20 county departments and directly managing six divisions.

Hayes brings considerable experience and expertise to the position. For the past decade Hayes has been a significant member of the Humboldt County Administrative Office having served as deputy and assistant county administrative officer.

She was appointed as the interim CAO when Amy S. Nilsen resigned, effective July 4. She has implemented several complex projects with county-wide impact including: transparent implementation of Measure Z, the county's half-cent sales tax measure; serving as a key leader developing pol-

icies and overseeing finances related to local COVID-19 response; coordinating, developing and managing the county's \$505-million budget; twice earning national recognition for following best financial practices in budget development; developing long-term funding strategies and fiscally prudent financial policies, including capital investments; among others.

In her personal time, Hayes supports the fund raising efforts of the California Cancer Crushers, which supports local families impacted by cancer.

"I am honored and humbled the Board of Supervisors has the confidence in me to lead the county," said Hayes. "I can't thank the board enough for the opportunity as I am thrilled to continue working with each one of them. While I am no stranger to hard work or long days, our employees truly set the example."

Fourth District Humboldt County Supervisor and Vice-Chair Mike Wilson said that Hayes' ability to develop



Elishia Hayes

and maintain good working relationships with department heads, financial expertise and knowledge of daily operations made her a logical choice to lead the approximate 2,000 employee organization.

"Elishia is accomplished and will bring several strengths and stability to our organization. We are confident in the choice to have her lead the organization," Wilson said. "We face numerous issues that will require her full attention and extraordinary effort but more importantly, recognize and use the tremendous energy and expertise of our employees."

Second Humboldt County District Supervisor Michelle Bushnell said Hayes' good working relationships with supervisors is key but recognizes Hayes has already worked tirelessly in that area.

Humboldt County is Elishia's home and our Board is looking forward to this journey with her as the day-to-day leader of our organization."

Local law enforcement legend Sgt. John Packer to retire

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA/HSU – Sergeant John Packer is retiring after 27 years in local law enforcement.

In the fall of 1994, Arcata Police Sergeant Dave Brown and officers Stan Schmidt and Dimas Medros recruited Packer to the Arcata Police Department (APD). After completing a reserve academy, Packer was sworn in as a reserve officer while employed at the Yakima rack company.

In January of 1995, one day after the birth of his daughter, Packer began the Police Academy, graduating in April of 1995. He was sworn in by Chief Mel Brown and began his rookie years at APD.

Officer Packer served as an APD patrol officer, member of the joint agency SWAT team, joint agency gang task force, U.S. Marshall F.A.S.T. team, and in the Youth and Family Services Division as a D.A.R.E. officer and School Resource Officer at Arcata High School; and as a watch commander.



PACKER IN ACTION Sometime back in the late 1990s, a man walked down H Street spray-painting graffiti on storefronts. When he refused to halt the activity, APD Officer Packer had to physically detain the man.

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In 2004, Packer was sworn in as a patrol officer at Humboldt State University (HSU) by Chief Robert Foster, and later promoted to the rank of sergeant.

While at HSU, Sgt. Packer served as a liaison to the Athletics Department, developed community education and safety programs such as the KEG Check POP. He served as the department's less-lethal instructor, Hate Crime Investigations instructor, and Bias and Racial Profiling instructor.

Sgt. Packer also serves as an associate faculty member at the College of the Redwoods Police Academy, which he will continue after retirement from HSU.

John and his wife raised two children locally, grew in their love for Humboldt County, their rural lifestyle, and determined, "There is no reason to leave Humboldt when you retire..." except to travel, raft the Klamath River and set up an Elk camp.

Congratulation on Sergeant Packer's Final 10-7 on Oct. 30.



John Packer

It's time to apply to Humboldt State University

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

HSU – The priority application period for students who want to attend Humboldt State University in Fall 2022 is open.

Applications are being accepted from first-time freshmen, upper- and lower-division transfer students, returning students, veterans, international students and graduate students.

First-time freshmen and transfer students are highly encouraged to apply by the end of the California State University's priority application period, which ends Nov. 30, 2021.

HSU will continue to accept applications after the initial priority filing period by Feb. 28, 2022. Students should check specific timelines and deadlines at admissions.humboldt.edu/apply. The RN-to-BSN Program is currently the only program impacted for the Fall 22-23 application cycle, refer to HSU's Admissions impact website for additional details.

The CSU is committed to helping high school and community college students overcome university admissions challenges caused by COVID-19. The CSU has taken steps to ensure students are not

adversely impacted by these disruptions and can pursue their degree as planned, including temporarily suspending the use of ACT/SAT examinations in determining eligibility for all campuses for the 2022-2023 academic year.

First-time freshmen must meet the following eligibility requirements: be a high school graduate or equivalent; complete the 15-unit comprehensive "a-g" pattern of college preparatory courses; and earn a qualifying "a-g" grade point average.

Students can also start applying for financial aid for next fall, using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or the California Dream Act Application for eligible AB540 students. The FAFSA helps determine eligibility for various types of state and federal aid, and applying early is a good idea.

At HSU, 70 percent of students receive some form of financial aid (state and federal grants, institutional aid, subsidized loans, etc.). Detailed information on applying to HSU is at admissions.humboldt.edu/apply, and applicants will use the Cal State Apply system to complete the online application.



PORTABLE POWER From left, Sheriff William Honsal, Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools Chris Hartley and Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Manager Ryan Derby. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Humboldt County schools get generators

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

HUMBOLDT – School sites throughout Humboldt County will no longer be in the dark during local power outage events thanks to a state grant and coordination between the Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO).

Ninety 7,500-watt generators arrived this week and are being supplied to local schools free of charge, paid for through the Public Safety Power Shut-off Grant.

The effort to secure the generators began following PG&E's Public Safety Power Shut-offs in 2019. During those power outage events, school districts suffered financial losses associated with spoiled food products and experienced disruptions with school closures.

"The amount of food loss during outages was very expensive in the past," said Stephanie Steffano-Davis, Superintendent of the Southern Humboldt Joint Unified School District in Miranda. "These generators will allow our district

to keep each of our schools' refrigerators running in the case of power outages. We are grateful for the support and capacity it allows for our community to be more-prepared in case of an emergency."

Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal spearheaded the effort to obtain the generators, recognizing the great impact the power shutoffs had on local schools.

"State funding became available after the Public Safety Power Shutoffs and one of the criteria for the funding was helping schools become resilient during those shutoffs," Honsal said.

Honsal contacted Dr. Chris Hartley, Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools, who then worked together with Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services Manager Ryan Derby to secure the grant and order the generators.

Dr. Hartley says these generators are especially important for schools in the most rural parts of Humboldt County, which are several miles away

from the nearest services and may be impacted by a number of local emergencies requiring backup power.

"On behalf of the 31 school districts in the county, I want to express my gratitude for this partnership with Sheriff Honsal and OES. These generators will assist schools sites in our county with the ability to maintain essential functions during PSPS events or any other weather-related power outages," Dr. Hartley said.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has a long-standing partnership with the Humboldt County Office of Education, the two most recently working together during the COVID-19 pandemic to facilitate a county-wide emergency response.

"I'm very proud of our partnership with the Office of Education," Sheriff Honsal said. "This makes the biggest impact; having our schools able to function amid power emergencies."

Humboldt County schools are scheduled to begin receiving the generators this week.

Humboldt rallies to counter cannabis market crash

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Following up on its emergency relief for cannabis farmers, Humboldt County's Board of Supervisors has approved excise tax payments extensions, supporting new tax incentives and is lobbying the state for cannabis licensing changes.

Supervisors considered ways to ease the impacts of a bottomed-out cannabis market at their Oct. 5 meeting.

The board has already approved \$1 million of Project Trellis grants for farm infrastructure improvements and a committee consisting of supervisors Michelle Bushnell and Steve Madrone has worked with cannabis farmers on additional aid.

It's being advanced because a combination of factors is severely impacting the economic viability of local cannabis production.

"The cannabis industry has been hit hard by the drop in cannabis prices and also the oversupply at the state level," said Planning Director John Ford.

Payment of Measure S excise taxes and the costs of improvements required by county departments and state environmental agencies are among the financial challenges facing cannabis farmers, he continued.

Ford said the county and the state's Department of Fish and Wildlife are open to extending deadlines for improvements and compliance with regulations.

Also supported are extensions of excise tax payments and tax incentives and credits for water, solar power installation and road improvements.

Lobbying the state to allow farmers to scale back cultivation during the year – and, accordingly, their taxes and licensing

fees – is also part of the county's aid package.

During a public comment session, Ross Gordon of the Humboldt County Growers Alliance said reducing costs is important as revenue dwindles.

There are "collapsing market conditions," he continued, while "every single fee and tax is remaining constant."

The market will improve once federal legalization opens up interstate commerce, he said, but in the interim "real tax relief" is necessary.

Also during public comment, cannabis farmers and consultants vouched for basing taxation on revenue rather than cultivation area and support of direct-to-consumer sales.

Craig Johnson of the Southern Humboldt-based Alpenglow Farms noted that expenses and debt related to farming also affect housing.

"We're in a situation where we live on our properties," he said. "What happens when we can't make these payments next year, do we start losing our homes?"

He added, "This is serious – we're going to have a lot of people having a lot of trouble over the next year."

Supervisors unanimously voted to not penalize late payment of excise taxes due in October and April, as long as taxes are paid by May 22, 2022.

At Bushnell's suggestion, staff was directed to develop alternatives on further deferral or waiving of taxes.

The tax incentives for farm infrastructure improvements will be up for consideration at the Dec. 7 board meeting. Supervisors also approved sending a letter to the state vouching for basing yearly taxation on amount of cannabis grown rather than on cultivation area.

Six Rivers to begin fall prescribed fires

SIX RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST

HUMBOLDT – Under the coordination of the Six Rivers National Forest and the North Coast Interagency Fire management team, the Six Rivers fall prescribed fire program will begin as early as this week.

Weather and conditions have allowed the Six Rivers fire management team to safely start prescribed burns and smoke may be present. Additionally, all fire restrictions within the forest were lifted Oct. 8.

Fall and winter bring cooler temperatures and precipitation, which are ideal for conducting important and safe prescribed fire operations.

Prescribed burning is an active forest management activity that helps restore ecological, and or cultural objectives while reducing immediate and future risk to our many values at risk including communities and watersheds.

Each operation follows a specialized prescribed fire burn plan, which considers temperature, humidity, wind, moisture of the veg-

etation, and conditions for the dispersal of smoke. All this information is used to decide when and where to burn.

Prescribed fire managers use different methods to reintroduce fire in forests including pile and understory burning. Pile burning is intended to remove excess fuels (branches, limbs, and stumps) that can feed unwanted wildfires and involves burning slash piles that are constructed by hand and mechanical equipment.

Understory burning is a prescribed fire that takes place on the ground (the understory) rather than pile burning.

Understory burning uses a controlled application of fire to remove excess vegetation (fuels) under specific environmental conditions that allow fire to be confined to a predetermined area.

Understory burning produces fire behavior and fire characteristics required to attain planned fire and resource management objectives.

Smoke from prescribed

fire operations is normal and may continue for several days after an ignition depending on the project size and environmental conditions.

Prescribed fire smoke is generally less intense and of much shorter duration than smoke produced by wildland fires.

Prior to prescribed fire ignitions, agencies coordinate closely with local, county and state air pollution control districts and monitor weather conditions carefully.

They wait for favorable conditions that will carry smoke up and disperse it away from sensitive areas.

Crews also conduct test burns before igniting a larger area to verify how effectively materials are consumed and how smoke will travel.

Six Rivers National Forest will do our best to notify the public of when and where prescribed burns will occur. However, some operations may be conducted on short notice due to the small window of opportunity to conduct these operations.



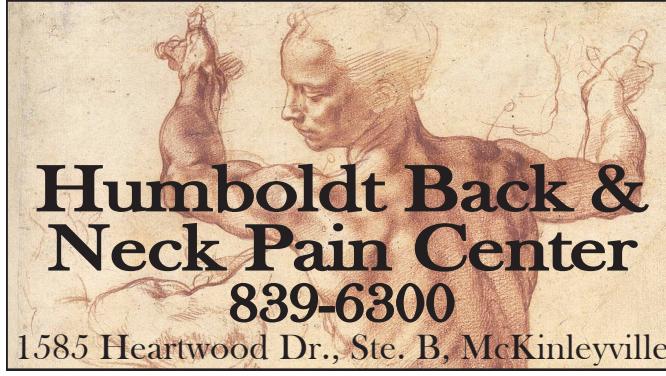
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Drinking for a good cause in October

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MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — Nancy Noll considers herself one of the Founding Mothers of the Breast and Gyn Health Project in Arcata. She threw a birthday party 23 years ago to help get the project going.

"It's one of the things I'm most proud of," Noll said, telling the story. "We'd had a lot of friends who died from AIDS and we done a lot of fundraising for the movement. My partner, Gisele, said 'What about breast cancer?' Twenty-five years ago, people didn't say 'breast cancer,' they said, she had that thing."

"For my fiftieth birthday, we held a huge birthday party at Beginnings and several hundred people came and made donations. A group of women went out to dinner and made it happen. It started as a desk and a file cabinet."

Now the Breast and Gyn Health Project is located

in a house at 987 Eighth St. in Arcata where people facing breast or gynecologic cancer can get peer support, information, assistance, patient navigation support groups, a lending library, and more. Services are free to all clients.

Every year for the past 18 years, the project has held a month-long Sales for Survivors. Local businesses designate a special day where a portion of the day's sales is donated to the project. Some businesses even donate a portion of sales for the entire month. Bright pink brochures available around town or online list the special days for October.

And Nancy Noll is still partying for the cause. Last year, her award-winning homebrew, Nasty Woman IPA was sold at Six Rivers Brewery in McKinleyville during the month of October.

Six Rivers Brewery co-owners Meredith Maier and Talia Clare have been supporting the Sales for Survivors since 2012. (I still treasure my Six Rivers Drink Pink T-shirt from that year.) And Six Rivers Brewmaster Carlos Sanchez has just brewed another batch of Noll's recipe.

"It should be available in a week," Clare said last Friday.

"Nancy's got such a great following," Maier explained. "People have been asking if we were going to do another. It will be on tap and available in either a 64 ounce growler or a 32 ounce crowler. Last year we donated ten percent of all the revenue on that particular brew."

Noll started making beer



HOPPY DAYS Meredith Maier, Six Rivers Brewery co-owner, Nancy Noll, Breast Health Project Founding Mother and brewer of Nasty Woman IPA, and Carlos Sanchez, Six Rivers brewmaster. JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION

in 2014. "I was a big wine drinker before that but it started giving me a headache. I was in a skiing carpool with a friend who was a real beer person who suggested I switch. I went to the Humboldt Homebrew Fest and I won a silent auction for a brewing kit."

Noll called herself "the kind of person who jumps in with both feet." She joined Humboldt Homebrewers who she called "very supportive," watched YouTube videos, took classes, and eventually ended up winning prizes.

"I entered a competition in Sisters, Oregon. I thought, 'I'd be so happy if someone put a coin in my can' and also, 'What if someone spits it out?' It was just a barrel of fun with music, and as the day went on they collected the coin jars to see the People's Choice. To make a long story short, I won both the People's Choice and the Brewers' Choice awards. I

almost got a heart attack!" Noll is an artist with brewing. "Your base malts are like a canvas and the hops are like the colors," she said. "I make big hoppy beers. I'm kind of a hopster."

Just wait for the holidays: Noll said, "I make one stout a year, that's my holiday stout which is fermenting now."

Why does she call her brew "Nasty Woman?" Noll explained that she heard Trump call Hillary Clinton a "nasty woman" during the Presidential debate and thought, "that's it, that's the name of my beer."

She went on to explain, "If a man is smart and has self-esteem, they call him shrewd. If a woman is smart and has self-esteem, they call her a nasty woman."

So truck on over to Six Rivers and increase your self-esteem while drinking Nasty Woman IPA for a good cause.



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ON MAD RIVER ROAD In preparation for Halloween, families are visiting the Pumpkin Patch at Mad River Road out on the Arcata Bottoms. The farm features five acres of different varieties of pumpkins. Top, the Nicklas Family gathers pumpkins. Bottom photo from left, Chevo Hernandez (with Mateo), Jessica Blandini-Lake and Janet Blandini.

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Racers to be honored at banquet

REDWOOD ACRES RACEWAY

EUREKA — Although racing at Redwood Acres Raceway ended on Sept. 25, there is still one more thing that is left to do and that is to crown the local division champions and celebrate a successful 2021 season.

That is exactly what will happen Sunday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Eureka. In addition to celebrating the champions in each of the divisions, rookies in each division will also be celebrated as well as the champion and drivers in the Upstate Bomber Series.

David Henderson's steady and smart driving allowed him to claim his second track championship in the late model division and his fifth overall at Redwood Acres Raceway. Nick Ford made the leap jumping from racing mini stocks and roadrunners to racing a late model mid-season. Ford displayed incredible ability in a short time which earned him rookie of the year honors for the late models this season.

Although Brandon White has been a regular fixture in victory circle at Redwood Acres Raceway, 2021 marked his first track championship winning effort in the Legends division. White earned the championship on the back of six wins and being a contender for victory in every race he started.

After years of being a mini stock front runner, Brett Murrell moved to the Legends division this season and was an instant contender every week. Murrell finished third in the standings and rookie of the year for the division.

The bomber division champion and rookie of the year are one in the same. After a bit of a slow start to the season, Tyler Krupa made a strong charge in the second half of the year by winning three races enroute to the championship.

The Upstate Bomber Series raced twice at Redwood Acres Raceway in 2021 in addition to races at Lakeport Speedway and Ukiah Speedway. Trystan Mucci won both events at the Acres including the championship clinching event during the Fall Spectacular. His championship will also be celebrated on Nov. 7.

Competition in the mini stocks this season was stiff and it may have come as a surprise that Eric O'Ferrall was able to clinch the 2021 championship. O'Ferrall didn't back his way into the position as he won three times and was a regular top five finisher.

Colton Kinsey was the clear-cut winner of the mini stock rookie of the year honor. The youngster's only prior experience in racing was driving outlaw karts with the Humboldt Outlaw Karts. He made the huge leap to racing asphalt with the speedy mini stock class and was immediately up to speed from the first race of the season. Kinsey finished a very impressive third in the final standings.

The spotlight for the roadrunners during the championship banquet will be on the Ratzlaff family. Bob Ratzlaff took his first track championship in the division this season with steady, consistent and smart driving. Tanisha Ratzlaff will be honored with rookie of the year. Besides finishing fifth in points, Tanisha showed impressive instincts in her first season and could have won on several occasions had mechanical gremlins not plagued her car.

Redwood Acres Raceway's championship banquet at the Elks Lodge will be a cook your own steak event. Tickets for the banquet can be purchased on *RacinTheAcres.com* for \$40.

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'Cannabis fatigue' spurs talk of moratoriums, restrictions

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — Humboldt residents are expressing what the county's planning director has called "cannabis fatigue" and planning commissioners are proposing new restrictions and permitting moratoriums.

At its Oct. 7 meeting, the county's Planning Commission delved into a discussion on potential changes to local commercial cannabis rules.

Commission Chair Alan Bongio kicked it off by describing the county's six years of permitting as an "experiment with cannabis," saying, "I don't see it getting any simpler, I see it only getting more complex."

The commission has approved most of the permits that have come before them, sometimes with added conditions and not always with unanimous votes. A roughly equal amount of permitting has been done through a separate administrative process helmed by the county's planning director.

Bongio said he's been "getting my ear full on why we've been permitting all this" and people are "upset" about it.

Commissioner Melanie McCavour, who Bongio credited with "getting this ball rolling," suggested creating a north-south county "biodiversity corridor" in which cannabis permitting wouldn't be allowed.

A moratorium on new cannabis permits was suggested by Commissioner Mike Newman and got support from other commissioners along with McCavour's biodiversity corridor idea.

Commissioner Peggy O'Neill said the concerns of people who live in cannabis farming areas have to be dealt with.

"It always matters to me what the community thinks," she continued. "You buy a home and have a family

and want to make a living and maybe that living is cannabis but I don't think you should be able to destroy the whole neighborhood and turn everybody's world upside down for cannabis."

Commissioner Thomas Mulder, who is a Southern Humboldt cannabis farm operator, wasn't comfortable with the conversation's tone.

"There are so many people in the community that are just holding on by a shoestring trying to make it through," he said. "I don't want to have some of those legacy operators that are really pillars of our community pull up and go away."

Mulder said issues like water use have been addressed, as farmers are required to do forbearance or using stored water during spring through fall months.

Talk of doing surprise "pop up" inspections of cannabis farms also put Mulder off. "Legacy cultivators have kids in school and volunteer in the community — I want to get so far away from that discussion it's not even funny," he said.

During a public comment period, consultant Patricia Lai also warned against no notice inspections, saying that the "mental, emotional and traumatic PTSD effects" of pre-legalization enforcement are "real."

Natalynne DeLapp of the Humboldt County Growers Alliance said cannabis farming has "the strongest water protections in any agricultural process."

She also countered claims of over-permitting, saying there are 187 new cannabis permits pending, representing about 45 acres of land area.

The total land area used for cannabis among about 900 licensed and interim-licensed farms is 435 acres, she said.

Cannabis farmers told the commission that their wells are tested annually and permit restrictions and caps are already in place in designated watershed areas.

Four commenters supported a permitting clampdown. One said cannabis farmers have been "given plenty so far" and another warned the commission of a "backlash" if permit approvals continue.

Planning Director John Ford said permitting has been balanced with enforcement actions against "egregious" offenses and "we have abated as many sites as we have permitted." But he acknowledged that "it's becoming increasingly clear that there is a segment of the community that has cannabis fatigue — that just doesn't want to see cannabis anymore."

He cautioned against stereotyping cannabis farmers.

"There's an underlying tone here that people who grow cannabis are somehow not to be trusted," he said. "I would just like to point out that some of the most honorable and honest people I have worked with are cannabis applicants and some of the most dishonest people I've worked with are people who are in respectable development professions."

He added, "Many people are really, truly trying to do the right thing."

Most commissioners support pursuing restrictions and moratoriums, however. They also support drafting maps that identify locations of cannabis farms but Ford has doubts about that due to robbery concerns.

"We've been very resistant to putting information out there in the public realm which could be used as a treasure map," he said.

The discussion got a footnote listing in the meeting agenda, which may have limited public response. Commissioners asked Ford to develop a more formal agenda item on the issues and suggestions they talked about.

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Overrated: playing on the freeway, fleeing into woods

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

TRINIDAD – On Tuesday, Oct. 5 at approximately 8:11 a.m., after receiving several calls of a male pedestrian running within the lanes of traffic, CHP officers responded to the area of northbound U.S. Highway 101 and Patrick's Point Drive.

Trinidad resident Eric Puttre, 28, was located walking in the center median near that location. Puttre was initially detained for violating state law which restricts pedestrian's access to the freeway.

While continuing the investigation with Puttre to determine why he had been walking in the traffic lanes, he became resistive, was placed in handcuffs, and was then advised he was under arrest.

While attempting to place Puttre into the back seat of the patrol car, he fled from the officer, running southbound in the

northbound lanes of U.S. Highway 101.

Puttre subsequently fled into a thick wooded area to the west of the freeway, where the officer lost visual contact with him.

Multiple allied agencies responded to the scene, including California State Parks and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, to assist with locating Puttre.

At approximately 11 a.m., State Parks officers located and detained Puttre near the Patrick's Point Visitor Center.

Puttre was transported to Mad River Community Hospital for an evaluation and then subsequently booked into the Humboldt County Jail.

In 2020, more than 1000 pedestrians were killed in crashes in California. The California Highway patrol is grateful that no one was injured as a result of this incident and greatly appreciates the assistance of the responding allied agencies.

SAFE SLEEPING TIPS FOR BABIES Humboldt County Public Health officials are reminding parents and caregivers to provide a safe sleeping environment for babies to help reduce the risk of sudden infant death syndrome or SIDS. October is SIDS Awareness Month and Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Programs (MCAH) staff are distributing gift bags for new mothers during the month. The gift bags contain a 100 percent cotton HALO sleep sack as well as information on safe sleep and tummy time. DHHS's Public Health Director Sofia Pereira said, "As parents and caregivers, keeping our children safe and healthy is our top priority. There are concrete steps we can take to reduce risks and prevent SIDs." The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers the following safe sleep tips:

- Place babies on their backs to sleep
- Use a firm sleep surface, such as a mattress, in a safety-approved crib or bassinet, covered only by a fitted sheet
- Share your room with your baby, but not your bed
- Keep soft objects, such as pillows and loose bedding, out of your baby's sleep area
- Do not allow smoking around your baby.

For more information about safe sleeping, visit cdc.gov/sids/Parents-Caregivers.htm or call MCAH at (707) 445-6210.

Since you read the newspaper, you won't fall for the latest scam

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County residents are reporting an increase in scam phone calls claiming to be Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and threatening to shut off power if a payment is not made.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has received multiple reports regarding scammers requesting payment on past due utility bills immediately, threatening to shut off power within 45 minutes if payment is not made.

The scammers may request payment in a variety of ways including by debit card or by wiring money.

According to PG&E, scams claiming to be from their organization have reportedly become more sophisticated, with scammers including specific names of customers, and in some cases, guessing general dollar amounts owed.

They are also disguising their true phone numbers with a caller ID that says "PG&E" or "Pacific Gas & Electric."

PG&E offers the following tips to help protect customers from all types of potential scams:

• PG&E's Credit Department will not ask for

personal information or a credit card number over the phone.

Anyone who has received such a phone call and provided credit card or checking account information should report it immediately to their credit card company or bank and law enforcement.

• Other types of scams that can impact customers include online "phishing" where scammers seek personal or financial information, as well as in-person scams where scammers pose as an electric or gas employee.

• Customers with concerns about the legitimacy of a call about a past due bill, service request or request for personal information are encouraged to call PG&E at 1 (800) 743-5000.

• Customers should always ask to see identification before allowing anyone claiming to be a PG&E representative inside their home.

PG&E employees always carry their identification and are willing to show it to you.

• If you feel threatened in any way, notify local law enforcement immediately.

• Anyone who has received such a call can report it immediately by calling PG&E at 1 (800) 743-5000 or visit pge.com/scams.

❖ ROBBED CREDIT UNIONS

Lost Coast Bandit suspect nabbed in Eureka

MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – A suspect dubbed the "Lost Coast Bandit," who robbed credit unions in Arcata and Eureka, has been taken into custody.

David Lee Moon, 32, of Eureka, was taken into custody today, Oct. 7 just before a noon on the 2500 block of Fourth Street in Eureka. An arrest warrant had been issued for Moon the day before.

Since January 2021, investigators from the Eureka Police Department, Arcata Police Department, and the FBI have been conducting a joint investigation into a series of robberies at local credit unions in Arcata and Eureka. The suspect was dubbed the "Lost Coast Bandit" by the FBI.

Based on an extensive investigation, officials determined that Moon is allegedly the Lost Coast Bandit.

The following is a summary of all the incidents associated with Moon.

- On March 30, 2020, a then unknown male suspect entered a check cashing business in the 1100 block of Fifth Street in Eureka. The suspect demanded money using a note and displayed a possible firearm. The suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of money.

- On Dec. 18, 2020 and Jan. 8, 2021, a then unknown male suspect entered a credit union located in the 600 block of F Street in Arcata and presented the teller with

demand notes. The suspect fled during both incidents with an undisclosed amount of money.

- On Jan. 16, 2021, a then unknown male suspect entered a credit union located at the 3300 block of Broadway in Eureka and presented the teller with a demand note. The suspect fled with an unknown amount of cash.

- On July 15, 2021, two unknown male suspects entered a market on the 1600 block of F Street in Eureka while the business was closed by breaking a front glass door. The suspects fled with undisclosed items stolen from the store.

- On Sept. 28, 2021, a then unknown male suspect approached the window of a coffee shop in the 400 block of N Street and demanded money. The suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Based on the evidence gathered during the lengthy investigation, an arrest warrant was issued for Moon on Oct. 6 and the next day Moon was arrested without incident.

During the arrest, Moon was found to be in possession of fentanyl packaged for sales. A separate investigation into the fentanyl possession is being done by the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing team (POP).

"The Eureka Police Department would like to thank the FBI Laboratory for their assistance with the evidence in this case as well as the investigators from Arcata Police and the FBI," stated a press release from Eureka Police.



David Lee Moon

Rapist sentenced to 160 years to life

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

HUMBOLDT – On Oct. 7, Judge Christopher G. Wilson sentenced convicted sex offender Michael Dennis Flowers to serve 160 years to life in prison for his February 2020 rape of Jane Doe, a local woman in her early twenties.

The sentencing follows a trial earlier this year in which a Humboldt County jury convicted Flowers of all charges brought against him by the District Attorney, including rape, sexual penetration with a for-

ceign object and acquiring a person for purposes of prostitution.

Prior to his rape of Doe in Humboldt County, Flowers received multiple felony convictions in Tuolumne County, including a 1977 assault with intent to commit rape and 1994 convictions for attempted murder and three separate charges of continuous sexual abuse of a child.

Flowers was released on parole to Humboldt County after serving time in prison for his Tuolumne County crimes.

During the Humboldt County trial the jury heard testimony from Doe and each of the women who, as children in Tuolumne County, survived sexual abuse by Flowers.

At the conclusion of this morning's sentencing, Judge Wilson commented that the women should never have to testify about the abuse again.

Assistant District Attorney Stacey Eads, who prosecuted Flowers, stated: "I have tremendous respect and appreciation for the women who testified and I wish them continued strength and healing as they move forward."



Jason Allen Spillars

WANTED SUSPECT The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is seeking information regarding the whereabouts of Jason Allen Spillars. Spillars is wanted on a nationwide extradition warrant out of North Carolina. He was last seen in the Garberville area on Oct. 6. Spillars is believed to be dangerous and may be armed. Anyone who sees Spillars should contact law enforcement immediately. He is associated with a white 2004 Toyota Sienna, North Carolina License Plate # FDF7655. Spillars is a white male adult, age 33, 180 pounds, 6 feet 2 inches tall with brown hair and brown eyes. If you see Jason Spillars, call 911.

MCKINLEYVILLE ARREST On Monday, Oct. 4

at about 7:32 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies on patrol in the area of Hiller Avenue and Central Avenue observed an individual who closely matched the description of a suspect from recent vehicle burglaries in McKinleyville and Eureka. Deputies stopped to speak with the individual, who identified himself as 39-year-old John Wayne Merrell. Merrell was found to have two warrants for his arrest. Merrell was taken into custody for his warrants and searched. During a search of Merrell's person and property, deputies located multiple stolen items associated with recent burglaries, including stolen bank cards. Merrell was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on suspicion of possession of stolen property, in addition to warrant charges for possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools, felon in possession of tear gas, possession of a controlled substance and driving without a license.



John Wayne Merrell

McKinleyville man sentenced for fatal stabbing

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

HUMBOLDT – On

Tuesday, Oct. 5 Humboldt County Judge John Feeney sentenced 42-year-old Brian Jon Leiteritz to seven years – execution of sentence suspended – plus 5 years of probation and 365 days in jail for voluntary manslaughter with use of a deadly weapon.

The sentence means Leiteritz can be sent to prison for seven years if he violates the terms of his probation.

The conviction stems

from a 2019 incident in which Leiteritz killed Dylan Lairos with a kitchen knife in front of Leiteritz' McKinleyville home, after Leiteritz had called 911 to report that someone had cut his power and was now at his front door.

Injuries to the victim included a stab wound to the back. Law enforcement officers found the victim on the sidewalk.

In September of 2020, after a three-day prelim-



Brian Jon Leiteritz

inary hearing that included testimony from civilian witnesses involved in the incident, Judge Marilyn Miles determined that Leiteritz should face trial for manslaughter with use of a deadly weapon. (The original charges included second-degree murder.) Manslaughter carries a sentence of up to 11 years in prison; the use of the knife could add 1 year to the sentence.

On Aug. 5, 2021, Leiteritz

pled "open" to manslaughter and admitted the allegation. An open plea means the judge determines the sentence, just as they would after a trial leading to conviction. Leiteritz pled guilty in August after Judge Feeney indicated he intended to sentence Leiteritz to probation.

Deputy District Attorney Steven Steward prosecuted the case with the assistance of District Attorney Investigator Marvin Kirkpatrick and Victim Advocate Marybeth Bian. Attorney Michael Robinson represented Brian Leiteritz.

'Drumming or music' – a distinction without a difference

• **Friday, October 1 8:52 a.m.** APD assisted the Wildlife Care Center with an ailing gull.

• **3:07 p.m.** A G Street resident reported her roommate placing a sharp parperweight under her air bed in order to puncture it.

• **8:31 p.m.** A garlicky odor on 11th Street was theorized to be a gas leak, and forces responded.

• **Saturday, October 2 1:09 a.m.** A thoroughly beschnockered man

departing a downtown tavern was so encoccktailed that he couldn't even say where he was going. He staggered out and plopped down on the sidewalk wearing a tan leather coat with white polka dots. It's not clear which of those offenses got him arrested.

• **12:01 p.m.** A man in a tan jacket at Klopp Lake appeared to produce a handgun and aim it at the bay, as if to



ARCATA POLICE LOG

Kevin L. Hoover

murder sea level rise. But alas, it's not that simple.

• **2:27 p.m.** Still more needless weaponry was produced at the Marsh, this time over a road rage incident which can apparently happen anywhere. The two female antagonists both flashed knives, and someone was cited for creating a disturbance.

• **4:46 a.m.** At Lincoln Ave. and Wilson Street "Drumming or music" drew heat

Though someone complained Cops could not ascertain The source of the throbulent beat

• **Sunday, October 3 7:47 a.m.** A man used his sleeping bag as a sort of soapbox

at the intersection of Trails 1 and 3 in the Community Forest from which to lash hikers by with spittle-flecked opprobrium.

• **9:40 a.m.** A Valley West fence owner reported damage believed caused by a

trailer that was there the previous day bearing a "Free Hot Baths" sign.

• **6:21 p.m.** Rob and canine cleanup wingdog Petey can't keep up with the incessant destruction at Veterans Memorial Park, especially when one person makes a mission of befouling the micro-greenspace with strewn possessions and garbage.

• **6:27 p.m.** A special place in heck is reserved for motorcyclists who roar around on Marsh trails.

• **6:37 p.m.** Mariachi merriment emanated from a Sunny Brae Mexican restaurant, with at least one area grump preferring the grating noises of cars, trucks and motorcycles that normally dominate the 'Brae soundscape.

• **Monday, October 4 10:37 a.m.** A wallet vanished from an unattended purse at a Northtown yogury.

• **11:16 a.m.** A kid's backpack was stolen from along the fence line at an S Street school.

OPINION

❖ Sign your letter to the *Mad River Union* with a real name and a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won't be published) for identity verification and send it to opinion@madriverunion.com.

There are signs that our optimism is justified

'There was a vibration'

We had arrived in San Francisco after a 5-hour flight from Bogota, and a 4-hour flight from Houston. Thinking we just had 1 more hour to get home.

The departure board greeted us with the message "maintenance issue" flight delayed.

We can be patient. We are sitting at the gate for about 30 minutes and watch as our flight crew walks off the plane and sits down near us. I get up to see maintenance personal around the plane. Thinking all kinds of bad things.

"There was a vibration," the previous flight crew told the new crew as they exited the plane. Maintenance wants to "run up" the engines to see if the vibration comes back," The co-pilot told me.

We are now delayed 90 minutes. I am thinking, I wonder what the weather is like at ACV, the Arcata airport, just north of McKinleyville.

The maintenance crew runs the plane up and down the taxi ways, no vibration.

We are on the plane and flying home over two hours late.

We can see the overcast as we start to descend. I can feel and hear the gear (wheels) come down. It's a little bumpy. Can't see anything out the small window. We are getting close. Then, the plane moves forward, more engines, more noise. We are climbing!

❖ LETTERS

Now what?!

Are we going back to SFO? Are we landing somewhere? How do we get home? All kinds of thoughts.

We are turning. Where? No announcements.

Looks and feels like we are coming down again. Same as before. Nothing out the window. Gear down. More engine noise. **TOUCH DOWN!** There is applause in the cabin.

As we deplane, I ask our co-pilot, "How close did we come the first time? "About 50 feet, was his answer," was his response. **FOG!** Welcome home.

Michael H Pazeian
McKinleyville

Celebrating new laws

On October 5, Gov. Newsom signed into law these bills to go into effect January 1, 2022:

AB 881, helps the state accurately measure how much plastic is actually recycled and prohibits plastic waste exports to other countries being counted as "recycled"

AB 1201, updates labeling for compostable products

AB 962, makes it easier for brewers and other beverage producers to create reusable glass bottle systems to reduce the need for single-use beverage containers

AB 1276 to reduce plastic foodware waste by giving takeout customers single-use foodware only when requested

SB 343, requires products to meet certain standards in order to be advertised or labeled as recyclable and prohibits manufacturers from using the chasing-arrows symbol on such items

"Consumers are being misled by the placement of the recycling symbol on items that aren't actually recyclable under real world conditions," said SB 343 author Sen. Ben Allen, D-Santa Monica, who chairs the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality. "By enforcing truth in labeling and empowering consumers to make informed decisions, this measure will reduce contamination in the recycling stream and improve the sorting process, which incidentally translates to big savings for ratepayers and local governments."

Maggie Gainer
Zero Waste Humboldt
Arcata

Good morning Sheriff Honsal

Thank you for sharing your concerns about our public safety crisis here in Humboldt County.

I appreciate your recognition that we as a Board are very passionate when it comes

to public safety issues in our county. As you know ever since I was elected I have been pushing for increased wages for Deputies and other staff and I will continue to do so. I do believe we are on the verge of significant pay raises to bring us into a competitive position for new hires and retention.

I have been making the argument for some time that we are already spending the funds that should go into wages through failed recruitment and retention. In addition we are requiring long 12-hour shifts to cover the vacancies and these conditions put our officers and community at further risk.

Lets be smart about this and shift those expenses into wages and benefits, improve our recruitment and retention, while keeping our officers and community safer.

I stand committed to working with you and your department to turn this around. Raising wages is a first step, and then there are many other innovative ways to improve public safety such as adding more ride along trained street outreach workers that can help de-escalate situations on the street and help get folks into treatment for mental health needs and addiction. As a community we can solve this and I look forward to much more collaboration on these issues.

Sincerely,
Steve Madrone
5th District Supervisor

Meet the COVID Safe Arcata Outdoor Event Program

In Arcata, children grow up gazing at bubbles, smoke, and even fire coming out of giant kinetic sculptures and polka-dot ponies, welcoming the fall with Samba rhythms, lighting lanterns in memorial, developing their best oyster calls, admiring pastels, and climbing the giant tree at the Arcata Plaza amidst artists, vendors and farmers.



❖ **ARCATA MAIN STREET**
Shoshanna

how to proceed for 2022.

In addition, our local performing artists from musicians and dancers to actors and poets have felt so invisible as venues and festival opportunities crumbled for all of 2020 then again over the summer. Rebuilding, reimagining, and reconnecting are still on the horizon for many.

In an amazing response to the difficult position of our event organizers and simultaneous craving for safe things to do by our entire community, a very creative proposal was developed by the City of Arcata. Using CARES Act funds, a significant amount established a program in conjunction with Playhouse Arts, Arcata's Local Arts Agency, to directly support our beloved events all across town!

The COVID Safe Outdoor Event Program provides staffing and resources to facilitate safe outdoor events including plays, festivals, music, fairs, performance art,

dance, art markets, outdoor recreation, and other community events.

How does it work? Playhouse Arts has a designated program staff member, Shoshanna, ready to serve the Arcata community, from assisting with permitting fees and coordinating equipment to facilitating signage and other event infrastructure. Event creators just fill out a Google Form to get things going.

So far, this grant program has helped bring joy to hundreds of people since July with the Sunday Art Markets downtown (including the 2021 Samba Parade and Arcata Sanctuary Puppet Slam), the festive adoption of Carlson Park by CUNA of Cooperation Humboldt, the Arcata Playhouse All Species Parade and the Migrations procession in parks throughout the city ending in Carlson Park, upcoming Halloween festivities with Arcata Main Street, Día de los Muertos offerings with Centro del Pueblo, and adding more neighborhood fun in Valley West at the Six Rivers Montessori Fall Festival in November.



BUBBLES The new Starstage Canopy is among the tools that will help restore Arcata's rich cultural happenings.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

At Migrations, Arcata's new Starstage Canopy had its premiere and we can't wait for this dazzling canopy to be a part of many more events soon.

Look out for exciting things to come as this grant really gets going. Send your ideas for small and large events to shoshanna@arcataplayhouse.org and see how

this grant can help. New and established events are welcome!

Our love of outdoor community events is strong in Arcata, and this grant program is designed to be a model to other local cities, and hopefully to the county, as a way to offer direct, meaningful support to our Arts and Culture sector so hard hit by the pandemic.

Here comes Elvie – a smart, athletic, loyal and attentive fuzzy friend

Last Saturday I had the honor of attending a birthday party for a litter of Redwood Pals Rescue's puppies. The pups just turned one year old and are some of the sweetest dogs ever!



❖ **DOGTOWN**
Mara Segal

dedicated volunteers have been taking Elvie on outings to give her more experience outside the shelter. They have found her to be curious about the world but well-behaved with calm confident handling.

Elvie has not shown her best side when potential adopters have come to meet her and we know that she's not a great candidate for small dogs, cats or livestock, but away from the shelter Elvie shows a different side.

She is eager to meet friendly dogs and walks past others with minimal drama. Before her puppies were born, Elvie shared a dog bed with two other dogs at her foster home. We think poor Elvie just needs to get out of the shelter to show her best side.

So what would be her ideal home? Lots of room to run in a large secure yard, confident handlers who are interested in continuing her training, either a nice large dog for a playmate or no other dogs, a family who would appreciate her loyal affection (she has been affectionate with children), lots of toys to play with and people who can be a little patient as she relearns the world out of the shelter.

Volunteers adore this dog. They are all rooting for her! If you think you might be



Elvie



Baloo

that loves a good game of fetch or a dip in the wading pool. Baloo is quite popular with the female dogs and has been quite patient with some of our bouncy young girls. He is not difficult to walk and is always sitting very politely

in his kennel when it's his turn to go out.

Baloo knows a variety of commands and will drop the ball for fetch. He has an old injury to one ear that can be a little sensitive but we have found that all he needs is some gentle handling to gain his trust.

His volunteer friends describe him as a big teddy bear! Baloo loves being pet or brushed and has a lovely thick black coat. He would make a great companion for hiking and exploring and doesn't mind getting his feet wet or being outside on a chilly day.

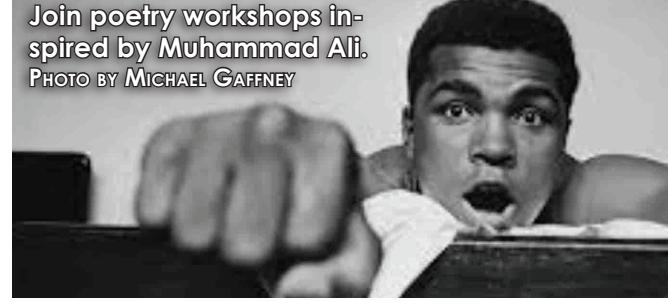
Baloo would do best in a home without cats. If you're looking for a great companion, come meet Baloo! Baloo is available through Redwood Pals Rescue. Contact us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at (707) 633-8842.

SCENE



ARCATA ARTISANS
ON THE PLAZA During October Arcata Artisans Gallery located at 883 H St. on the Arcata Plaza, welcomes new work by featured artists Zachary Shea and Betsy Roberts. Shea makes art from recycled wood and natural materials. He has two new pieces of art furniture featured in this show. "Round Table," above, is made from reclaimed redwood, 26 inches diameter, 14 inches high and finished with butcher block oil. "Stump Table" is shaped from a single large hunk of salvaged cedar wood, 16 inches high and approximately 26 inches in diameter, finished with butcher block oil. Roberts creates jewelry, wall sconces, lamps and more from a variety of metals including silver and copper, precious stones and found objects. Arcata Artisans Cooperative Gallery represents 24 local artists. Their work includes glass, ceramics, wood, photography, jewelry, printmaking, fiber arts and painting. The gallery is open every day except Tuesday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. arcataartisans.com

Submitted photo



Join poetry workshops inspired by Muhammad Ali.

Photo by Michael Gaffney

❖ 'SPEED AND GRACE'

Poetry workshops continue

KEET-TV

HUMBOLDT – Word Humboldt offers a series of free online poetry writing workshops titled "Speed and Grace." This series began last week and continues this Thursday, Oct. 14 with Poet Susanna Gibson starting at 6 p.m.

The workshops are connected with the PBS documentary series *Muhammad Ali* by Ken Burns, Sarah Burns, and David McMahon that aired in September.

Ali was a cultural icon known worldwide for his boxing skills, humanity, activism, and wit. He used words poetically and lyrically, and his quotes are used today with pride and admiration. The "Speed and Grace" Poetry Workshops will delve into some of Ali's quotes to guide the participants' writings as they explore the man and his legacy.

Word Humboldt is a local spoken-word organization that works with the community to create an engaging and safe space to develop their poetry. The instructors will provide guidance and feedback in each workshop to help participants expand their writing skills. "We expect to open people's minds enough to see the complications of fame, not only to Ali but to any 'hero,'" explains Eureka's Poet Laureate Wil Gibson.

Participants will be encouraged to submit their work to the Stand Up and Be Counted: Art and Poetry inspired by Muhammad Ali online exhibition that will be on display in January at Ink People Center for the Arts. They are also encouraged to submit their poetry for inclusion in a group chapbook.

Workshops are held online Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. Register at KEET.org/ali and indicate which workshop(s) you would like to attend.

The upcoming poetry workshops include:

• **Thursday, Oct. 14** – Poet Susanna Gibson will focus on how inspiring Ali has become and the legacy he has left using the quote, "The service you do for others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."

• **Thursday, Oct. 21** – Eureka Poet Laureate Wil Gibson will focus on heroes, hypocrisy and contradictions – Ali was an advocate for peace who gained fame as a fighter. This workshop will use the quote, "It's just a job. Grass grows, birds fly, waves pound the sand. I beat people up."

• **Thursday, Oct. 28** – Eureka Poet Laureate Wil Gibson will focus on Ali's myth and mystique and his quote, "To be a great champion, you must believe you are the best. If you're not, pretend you are."

KEET-TV received a grant from WETA to develop community partnerships and create unique ways of discovering who Muhammad Ali was and the legacy he has left behind. You can find details about all events at KEET.org/ali.

HALLOWEEN SUNDAY ART MARKET Arcata Main Street's Halloween Sunday Art Market takes place Sunday, Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Eighth Street on the Arcata Plaza. Costumes are encouraged.

PLAZA HALLOWEEN ROLLER SKATE PARTY takes place Sunday, Oct. 31 from noon to 4 p.m. on the Arcata Plaza. Bring roller skates or a scooter, wear a costume and skate to DJ music.

Dell'Arte welcomes faculty, students for new school year

DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL

BLUE LAKE – Dell'Arte International is thrilled to introduce the 2021-2022 Faculty Ensemble and welcome back students into the Professional Training Program.

The pandemic forced the physical theatre school to close its doors to new students in the 2020-2021 school year.

Dell'Arte continued to teach the MFA class of 2021 through to their graduation in June, and also used this time to direct attention towards broad organizational development initiatives with a focus on racial equity, board of directors recruitment, strategic planning, online workshops, and producing the Baduwa't Festival (formerly known as the Mad River Festival).

In alignment with organizational goals to continue and advance the 50-year-old Professional Training Program, Dell'Arte developed and initiated a robust faculty hiring process in preparation for the upcoming school year. A hiring committee composed of board members, members of the Collective Leadership Council, students, and alumni worked together to select the incoming faculty members.

Dell'Arte is proud to welcome new faculty to the school who are a mix of alumni, local experienced professionals, and global leaders in the physical theater field.



WELCOME BACK Faculty and students return to Dell'Arte. Submitted photo

"These folk bring a diversity of lived experiences and perspectives on theater training that will help shape not only what is taught at Dell'Arte, but carry forward and deliver to the community a courageous, liberated, and anti-racist artistic vision of ensemble-based physical theater for the years to come," said Alyssa Huglett, managing director.

In addition to these new faculty members, Dell'Arte will also be welcoming 13 new students from all over the United States and as far as Zimbabwe and Denmark to its stages and rehearsal halls.

Dell'Arte is putting health and safety first by adhering to routine testing, vaccination requirements, and follow-

ing all local, state, and federal guidelines to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

The Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre is home to the nationally accredited Professional Training Program in Ensemble-based Physical Theater, a 9-month immersive program for theatre artists, actor-creators, and professionals world-wide.

Its training programs attract students from across the globe, with more than 1,000 graduates from 41 countries since the formation of the school in 1975.

It is one of three institutions of higher education in Humboldt County, along with Humboldt State University and College of the Redwoods.

PELICANS APLENTY Big Lagoon artist and world champion snowboarder Matthew Dodge has another passion: kayak paddling with pelicans on Big Lagoon.



Photo by Mike Libolt

Become a Trinidad Coastal Ambassador

Trinidad Coastal Ambassador Training starts Sunday, Oct. 17 courtesy of Trinidad Coastal Land Trust.

Learn about stewardship work days, guiding educational walks and assisting with youth field trips through outdoor excursions and Zoom sessions.

Some of the training will focus on geology, lichens, pinnipeds and interpretive and leadership skills. When training is completed, ambassadors will be expected to participate in at least three hours of coastal stewardship per month.

Email Michelle Kunst at michelle@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org

trinidadcoastallandtrust.org or call (707) 677-2501 to sign up.

Big Lagoon sculpted photography artist Matthew Dodge, who in his early Lake Tahoe area career was a world champion snowboard pioneer, is taking part in the ambassador training to further his understanding and care of the unique coastal landscape he now calls home.

Goodbye Cheryl Gilmour

Cheryl Gilmour, retired teacher and active community volunteer, is moving back to Florida. Her Song Circle, Trinidad Civic Club and Friends of the Trinidad Library colleagues gave her

a music-filled send off last weekend in the Trinidad Museum courtyard.

Song Circle organizer Penne O'Gara especially praised Cheryl's literacy advocacy. Cheryl has donated hundreds of books over the years to Tin Can Mailman, where credits are built up so that Trinidad School achievers can pick out books of their choice after monthly award programs.

Last Trinidad Art Night

Venues all around Trinidad will feature local artists and music on the last Saturday of the month, Oct. 30, between 6 and 9 p.m.

It's the day before Halloween. Dressing up in costumes as you stroll around town would add to the fun.

Email Cheryl at baycity@sonic.net.

Bayside barn cleanup reveals mystery mural

Thanks to Boy Scouts Troop No. 15 and Full Cycle Composting for their work in clearing out the Kokte Ranch barn to make way for vendors for last weekend's Makers Fair.

One really great result of that cleanup was that an amazing mural of the Jacoby Creek Valley is now cleared for visitors to see. JCLT Executive Director Stephanie Mietz is looking for more info about the mural... who painted it, and when?

If you know anything, please email her at swmietz@jclt.org. We'll write something up about it when we know more.

Last week Paul Nicholson wrote about his work to address speeding on Bayside roads. In cleaning out the attic at Bayside Community Hall, a stack of "Drive 35 in Bayside" signs, from a previous safety campaign, was found.



VOLUNTEERS Thank you to volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 15 and Full Cycle Composting, who cleared a whole trailer-load of stuff out of the JCLT barn! Photo by Carolyn Jones

It would be good to put them to use, so if you would like one for your yard, email baysidecommunityhall@gmail.com.

There may still be time to get tickets for Tacos By the Creek, coming up this weekend, Saturday, Oct. 16 from 3 to 6 p.m. The menu includes either braised lamb or squash and mixed greens

tacos, on freshly made tortillas, with curtido (pickled cabbage), cucumber pear salsa and pinto beans.

And there will be fresh Bayside apple juice. Tacos at the Creek will take place at Caudal Fin Farm, which is part of the Jacoby Creek Land Trust Kokte Ranch, 2182 Jacoby Creek Rd.

Proceeds benefit TRIB Research, which does fisheries genetic research. It should be a good time. They are even going to have a silkscreen station set up so that you can bring

your own clothing and get it screened with the TRIB logo. For more info go to tribresearch.org/events/.

It is definitely apple time here in Bayside.

My husband Tom and I will be setting up the apple press next week and invite the community to sign up to use it. You can get to the sign up link on the baysidecommunityhall.org website.

We will accept donations for press use, and they will go to support the Jacoby Creek School Garden.

BAYSIDE CORNERS
 Carolyn Jones

FLORAL-FUNERAL FREELOADERS The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) invites the public to a Zoom presentation about strange flowering plants that lack chlorophyll, on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. The title of the program is as curious as the plants: "Marvellous Mycoheterotrophs: The Beauty and Science of Floral-Fungal Free loaders." Visit northcoastcnps.org for a link to the presentation. If you've ever seen a wild flowering plant that looks waxy and has no green at all, it was probably a "mycoheterotroph". Fungal scientist and teacher Leah Bendlin of Oregon Mycological Society will discuss the biology and ecology of these oddities that depend upon fungi for survival. She will show you how to recognize some local species, and will explain how they can help you also find mushrooms. northcoastcnps.org

GUIDED SAMOA TOUR Join a Friends of the Dunes naturalist for a guided tour of the Samoa Dunes and Wetlands Conservation area on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This 357-acre ecologically di-



verse property features open sand sheets, wetlands, and the southernmost extent of the Shore Pine-Sitka Spruce forest in the Pacific Northwest. The program will include walking on loose sand and up and down some moderate slopes. Space is limited and a reservation is required. For more information and to reserve a spot, contact us at (707) 444-1397 or email info@friendsofthedunes.org. Directions will be provided upon confirmation of your reservation.

MARSH TOUR Join Redwood Region Audubon Society for a free guided field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Meet leader Gary Friedrichsen at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata. Fall is here, which means ducks! Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding. Please visit rras.org for COVID-19 participation guidelines. Let us know you plan to attend by text/messaging Ralph Bucher at (707) 499-1247, or email thebook@reninet.com with the walk date and name, email and phone number for each participant.

MARSH HISTORY & MORE Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) is sponsoring a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Oct. 16. Meet leader Sharon Levy at 2 p.m. in front of the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on marsh history, wastewater treatment, and/or birds. Bring a mask to comply with current COVID rules. For more information, call (707) 826-2359.

WATERFRONT TRAIL Redwood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided birding tour along the Eureka Waterfront Trail on Sunday, Oct. 17, 9 to 11 a.m., with leader Ralph Bucher. Please visit rras.org for COVID-19 participation guidelines. Let us know you plan to attend by text/messaging Ralph Bucher at (707) 499-1247, or email thebook@reninet.com with the walk date and name, email and phone number for each participant.

DUNE RESTORATION Friends of the Dunes will hold a Dunes Ecosystem Restoration workday on Sunday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at BLM's Ma-le'l Dunes South. COVID-19 safety practices will be in place.

We ask that you wear masks while gathered and continue practicing social distancing. Drop-in volunteers are welcome! Our goal is to promote native plant diversity while engaging community members in the stewardship of coastal environments through the hand removal of invasive plants. No prior knowledge is required. Training in plant identification and removal practices will be provided. info@friendsofthedunes.org

SEA DUCKS, LOONS AND GREBES Redwood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided birding field trip in King Salmon on Sunday, Oct. 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. Meet leader Frank Fogarty at the parking area at the end of King Salmon Avenue where it curves around Buhne Point (40°44'28.7"N 124°12'52.9"W) for a walk focusing on sea ducks, loons and grebes. Frank is an instructor at Humboldt State University in ornithology and other bird-related courses and has a wealth of knowledge on avian ID, behavior and ecology. Please visit rras.org for COVID-19 participation guidelines. For information and to let us know you plan to attend, please contact Janelle at janelle.choj@gmail.com.

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October 1st, 2021

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF YVETTE KIFER, AKA YVETTE CREEK-KIFER, AKA YVETTE SABA CREEK

CASE NO.: PR2100264

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

YVETTE KIFER, AKA

YVETTE CREEK-KIFER, AKA

YVETTE SABA CREEK.

Petition for Probate has been filed by: **CHRISTINE NIX AND CAROL PEASE** in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: **CHRISTINE NIX AND CAROL PEASE** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to obtain the court's consent to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: OCTOBER 21, 2021

Time: 1:31 PM

Dept.: 6

Address of court: Superior

Court of California, County of

Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

The Petition for Probate has been filed by: **MICHEL CREEK** in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: **MICHEL CREEK</b**



HOMECOMING PARADE Arcata High School held its Homecoming Parade on Friday, Oct. 8, with students and floats traveling from the campus to the Arcata Plaza and back. The Plaza was full of happy students their proud, most of them happy to see their kids having fun in the sun. That evening, the Arcata High Varsity Football Team took on McKinleyville High and won 3-14. After the game, the Homecoming Dance was held.

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Coal train | Environmental impacts of coal transport called severe

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boldt County and Humboldt Bay" and directs the drafting of an ordinance to "protect the public and public trust resources" from anything having to do with coal.

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The 320-mile rail line is slated for transformation into the Great Redwood Trail, a planned hiking and bicycling path.

An original version of the resolution affirmed the county's support for the Great Redwood Trail but Wilson recommended removing that section because the board has already pledged support for the trail.

During public comment, Colin Fiske of the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities asked the county to also get involved in the federal railbanking process.

Fiske said railbanking is "the most effective way to address the coal export threat" and it's important for the county to advocate for it.

Also during public comment, Bruce Silvey of the Humboldt Trails Council said the environmental impacts of coal transport are severe and proposals for it have been

squashed in several West Coast regions.

"It would take hours to lay out all the research on the damage and unavoidable toxic coal dust in the air and water, and human health impacts that come with transporting and exporting coal," he said. "And then there's coal's impact on climate change."

Supervisors didn't need to be persuaded and public comment was limited to a handful of people due to lack of doubt about what the board's stance would be.

Supervisor Rex Bohn had suggested that there's no need for public mobilization against coal transport through the county because there's absolutely no support for it. "This horse is dead and the hole's already dug," he said.

As expected, the vote supporting the resolution and creation of an anti-coal ordinance was unanimous.

Housing | YIMBY attitude needs to be encouraged

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Velez continued. "We just always have hiccups, especially since a lot of our survivors have not been part of their rental agreement or have been houseless – I

find, all the time, that it's very difficult to get them into housing and there's even the stigma of them being domestic violence survivors."

There was also discussion on potential solutions.

Kristen Kelley of the Humboldt Association of Realtors highlighted Eureka's efforts to develop affordable housing on city parking lots and Arcata's plan to develop it in the city's Creamery District.

Realtor Larry Doss said expanding housing might

have to be done through allowing development "in areas that maybe have not been considered for residential in the past."

And Beth Matsumoto of the Humboldt Bay Housing Development Corporation encouraged a political shift toward support of new housing development.

"If we see a big change, with lots of units in Arcata maybe even going up three stories because it's in a transportation corridor and it's well-linked with other services, we see a lot

of folks come out against the project," she said. "And then we forget about all the people who are actually for housing, like you all here."

Matsumoto said a "YIMBY" – Yes In My Back Yard – attitude needs to be expressed in support of housing projects.

The county will hold a second workshop, on inland and rural area housing, on Oct. 12 and a third, for service providers and low income households, on Oct. 26.



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